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Thomas A. Syfert  
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**Re: Site Specific Test Protocol Revision 5 for USC Biomass Energy Plant**

Dear Mr. Syfert:

The Department has reviewed and approved the referenced protocol that was received via e-mail from Mr. Craig McKenzie on August 6, 2008. Any deviations from the approved test protocol may be cause for non-acceptance of the test results.

Please note that even though the approved plan states that the units will operate at or near rated capacity during the tests, the Department expects facilities to operate at rated capacity during stack tests. Facilities that conduct tests at less than rated capacity risk having reduced operating and/or emission limits included their operating permits. The level of restriction will be determined from the margin of compliance, operating rate, and other fitting parameters.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (803)-898-4010 or e-mail me at [bozardae@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:bozardae@dhec.sc.gov).

Sincerely,

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